लिए सरकार से समय–समय पर संपर्क करते हैं। सरकार स्वयं भी प्रकाशकों के सूचीपत्रों से पुस्तकों का चयन करती है। पुस्तकों का चयन विदेश प्रचार के दृष्टिकोण से पुस्तकों की उपादेयता के आधार पर किया जाता है। 1992–93 के दौरान इन पुस्तकों की खरीद पर 8.14 लाख रुपये व्यय हुए।

इसके अतिरिक्त भारतीय मिशनों को उनके पुस्तकालयों तथा स्थानीय संगठनों/ संस्थानों को उपहार स्वरूप देने के लिए हिन्दी पुस्तकें भेजी जाती हैं। ये पुस्तकें विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों के माध्यम से हिन्दी के प्रचार–प्रसार की योजना के अन्तर्गत खरीदी जाती हैं। हिन्दी पुस्तकों का चयन एक निश्चित क्रियाविधि के माध्यम से किया जाता है। हिंदी प्रकाशकों से प्रविष्टियां मंगाई जाती हैं। तत्पश्चात इनको पुस्तक चयन समिति के सम्मुख रखा जाता है। जिसके 8 गैर–सरकारी और 4 सरकारी सदस्य हैं। पुस्तकों की खरीद खुली निविदा प्रणाली के माध्यम से की जाती है

वर्ष 1992–93 में लगभग कुल 14.50 लाख रूपए हिन्दी पुस्तकों की खरीद तथा उनके प्रेषण पर व्यय हुए।

Harrasment to Indian Nationals in South Africa

4637. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press news item captioned "Indians intimated in South Africa" as reported in the Statesman dated 16th March, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the Indians residing in South Africa are being harassed and posing fear in their minds about their pro-perties;

(c) if go, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government propos to take up the matter with the South African Government; and

(e) if to, the detail* therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (e) Government are aware that there has been a considerable deterioration in the law and order situation in South Africa and some incidents involvng persons of Indian origin have taken place. The article in "The Statesman" of March 16, 1994, refers to "people of Indian origin" in the Natal region of South Africa. As the affected persons are *citizens of South Africa,* the responsibility for their security lies with the south African authorities and Govemment have no locus standi to take up the matter. The article does not refer to any Indian citizen having being subject to intimidation in Natal.

Pak threat to raise Kashmir issue in International Fora

4638. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem appearing in the Hindustan Times of 14th March, 1994 in which the Pak Premier is reported to have threatened to raise the Kashmir issue over and over again in all international fora;

(b) whether the newsitem also carries an accusation by the Pak Primier against India backtracking from its commitment in the UNHRC, recently held in Geneva, to allow Muslim diplomats to visit Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, what are the facts of the case and what concrete steps Government are taking to counter the media war unleashed by Pakistan against India in and outside Pakistan and thwart Pakistan's attemps to further Internationalise the Kashmr issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Government has seem the niws